

# Requirements for Visitors

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The City Archaeology Program has existed for approximately 30 years and is one of the largest and most important programs of its kind. Boston is the “City of Archaeology” with over 7,000 years of human history. The archaeological collections housed by the City are some of the most diverse and significant in the country and are irreplaceable parts of its history. As a public institution and research facility, I welcome everyone to participate in Boston’s archaeological past, however to ensure the protection and preservation of these collections, minimum requirements have been instituted and are outlined below. The City Archaeology Laboratory is a professional and scientific facility; however, it is also a place of discovery and hands-on learning. After reading the relevant requirements below, please contact me with any questions at [joseph.bagley@cityofboston.gov](mailto:joseph.bagley@cityofboston.gov). Email submission of letters and proposals is preferred, though paper copies can be mailed to the address below. Access to collections is at the discretion of the City Archaeologist and may be terminated at any time.

Sincerely,

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## **Visitors**

Visitors are welcome at the City Archaeology Lab, please contact the City Archaeologist at [joseph.bagley@cityofboston.gov](mailto:joseph.bagley@cityofboston.gov) to arrange a brief visit. Arrangements must be made in advance of arrival as both the City Archaeologist and the volunteers, interns, and researchers at the Lab are very busy and may not be able to attend to the needs of unexpected visitors. To ensure the safety and long-term preservation of the collections, only select artifacts are on public display and available to view, though the facilities as a whole are accessible. This is an excellent opportunity for those interested in archaeology to see a real archaeology laboratory in action and is great for kids and adults who would like more information on archaeology or are interested in viewing the facilities prior to volunteering or beginning an internship. Access to collections is at the discretion of the City Archaeologist and may be terminated at any time.